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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' LUXEMBOURG MEETING - FITZGERALD

CALL ON AMBASSADOR

REF: DUBLIN 675

1. FONMIN FITZGERALD VISITED ME AT RESIDENCE LATE TUESDAY NIGHT, COMING DIRECT FROM AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL FROM LUXEMBOURG. FIRST HE EXPRESSED HIS CHAGRIN AT AND OFFERED "APOLOGY" FOR THE LEAK TO PRESS OF REPORTS OF KISSINGER-FITZGERALD MESSAGE AND DISCUSSIONS THEREOF. LEAK WAS (A) BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND (B) FALSE AND MISLEADING. HE EMPHASIZED THAT KISSINGER
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MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED MOST CORDIALLY BY THE NINE FOREIGN

MINISTERS IN DUBLIN. THERE WERE EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION BY MINISTERS, WITHOUT A DISSENTING VOICE. THEY HAD CONSIDERED THIS A MOST HELPFUL USE OF THE US/EC CONSULTATIVE PROCESS, WHICH THEY HOPE WILL CONTINUE.

2. HE SAID MINISTERS WERE "UNANIMOUSLY SYMPATHETIC"

WITH THE U.S. MESSAGE AND ADDED THAT "THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF VIET-NAM ON THE U.S. "WAS FOREMOST IN OUR MINDS."

3. FITZGERALD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2B AND 2D OF FITZGERALD-KISSINGER MESSAGE (DUBLIN 675), PARTICULARLY IN THE SENSE THAT THE NINE ARE WILLING TO PROCEED TO MAKE SOME PEACE DEMARCHE BUT FIRST THEY REQUIRE VIEWS OF UNITED STATES AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 2D.

I INQUIRED AS TO WHAT VIEWS WE COULD FURNISH, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN VIET-NAM, WHICH WERE NOT FURNISHED IN KISSINGER-FITZGERALD MESSAGE. FITZGERALD SAID THEY WOULD APPRECIATE OUR FOCUSING ON HOW BEST TO CREATE A CLIMATE FAVORABLE TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION AND THE CESSATION OF MILITARY ACTION. OUR VIEW WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DECIDING WHAT ACTION NINE SHOULD TAKE. THE EXPRESSION OF SUCH VIEWS WOULD FIT INTO THE US/EC CONSULTATIVE PROCESS.

4. HE SAID THAT SINCE THE NINE ARE "AT A DISADVANTAGE OF DISTANCE," AND THE UNITED STATES IS IN CLOSE TOUCH, THEY WOULD PARTICULARLY WANT OUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO END THE MILITARY CONFLICT AND GET A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. AT THIS POINT, HE VOLUNTEERED THAT WHILE HE DID NOT FEEL PRESIDENT THIEU SHOULD RESIGN, THERE WERE MEMBERS OF THE NINE WHO DID.

5. FITZGERALD TOLD ME THAT IT IS HIS WISH THAT FURTHER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN U.S. AND EC ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGH HIM.

6. COMMENT: FITZGERALD'S OBVIOUS ANXIETY TO ASSURE US OF HIS CONCERN OVER THE PRESS LEAK AND TO POINT UP THE SATISFACTION OF THE NINE FONMINS WITH OUR APPROACH INDICATE HIS VIEW THAT NOTHING SHOULD OCCUR TO SET BACK THE DEVELOPMENT OF US/EC CONSULTATIONS.
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I THANKED HIM FOR HIS SPECIAL CONCERN IN THE MATTER AND PARTICULARLY FOR HIS CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD US/EC CONSULTATIONS.

7. WE WILL PURSUE THIS WITH FONOFF APRIL 16 AS WELL AS OTHER POLITICAL SUBJECTS KNOWN TO BE ON THE AGENDAS OF THE DUBLIN-LUXEMBOURG MEETINGS.
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